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			and part of the transmission system for these projects was envisaged to be developed through private sector participation and covered in the Tenth Plan programme. Subsequently, Barh and North Karanpura slipped from Tenth Plan and were rescheduled for commissioning in Eleventh Plan programme. The transmission system had to be revised and Associated Transmission System (ATS) for Kahalgaon-II and ATS for Barh was taken up by PGCIL. ATS for Kahalgaon-II is nearing completion and Associated Transmission System (ATS) for Barh is under construction. Associated Transmission System (ATS) for North Karanpura which is now a Eleventh Plan scheme is proposed through private sector participation in transmission.	
4.	Associated Transmission System for Hirma Thermal Power Station (TSP)	4500	Hirma generation project could not take off and the scheme has since been dropped. Accordingly, the transmission scheme Associated Transmission System (ATS) for Hirma has also been dropped.	

Utilization of World Bank loan by PGCIL

2259. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the World Bank has approved any loan to the Power Grid Corporation of India Ltd. (PGCIL), to strengthen the transmission system;

(b) if so, the amount to be utilized in each State/U.T.;

(c) whether Government have drawn up any contingency plan to utilize the amount adequately, especially in Andhra Pradesh;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the World Bank has also stated that the power sector in the country is currently inadequately positioned to support the goals, especially in Andhra Pradesh; and

(f) if so, the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SHINDE): (a) The Power Grid Corporation of India Ltd. (PGCIL) signed a Loan Agreement for an amount of US$ 400 million with the World Bank on May 2, 2006 which became effective in December, 2006.

(b) The above loan from the World Bank is being utilized for implementation of various Regional transmission projects of the PGCIL wherein all the States in the respective Region are beneficiaries of the project. An amount of US$ 151.60 million has already been utilized under this loan till July, 2007.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

(e) and (f) The World Bank extends assistance according to its Country Assistance Strategy.

Inquiries on laboratories of CSIR

2260. SHRI A. VIJAYARAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the office of Chief Vigilance Officer of CSIR and the CBI had initiated inquiries against various CSIR laboratories during the last one year;

(b) if so, the details thereof, including the nature of irregularities examined by the CVO, CSIR in the Indian Institute of Genomic and Integrative Biology, Delhi, NIST and NCL;

(c) the details of Directors of various institutes of CSIR who are responsible and are facing inquiries/irregularities as reported by various officials, including CBI and the CVO as on date, institute-wise; and

(d) the reasons for removing the Chief Vigilance Officer of CSIR during July, 2007, before completing his tenure?

THE MINISTER OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI KAPIL SIBAL): (a) The Office of Chief Vigilance Officer (CVO) had not initiated inquiries (departmental) against the various CSIR labs. during the last one year. However, CBI had registered a case against some officials of National Institute of Interdisciplinary Science and Technology (NIIST), Thiruvananthapuram in the matter relating to setting up of Fresh Chilli Processing Plant at Bayadagi in Karnataka and also a PE (Preliminary Enquiry) into the alleged "misconduct and suspected connivance and undue official favours" to the Contractor in the case of Special Structural repairs of Main Lab. Building at Indian Institute of Chemical